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<b>Inventor:</b>	Michael A. Wack		
<b>Title:</b>	Dual locking plate and associated method		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated 11-13-2008. In this paper:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks being on page 7.